

BETHEL'S NEW TRUSTEES.

Dr. Scott's Open Door Policy in Popular Favor—General Interest in the Church Increasing.

Sunday was a busy day at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church. Hundreds were in their places at 10:55 to witness the processional. The altar was dressed in its best. It never made a stronger, more pathetic impression than it did as the choir in their vestments solemnly knelt to once more commemorate the life and death of our saviour. Many have been added to the church. Revival services each night during the month of November. Anyone wishing to consult Dr. Scott concerning the salvation of their souls will find him every day in his study, Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, between the hours of 12 and 1:30 p. m. Thursdays he is at home from 12 to 6. He is willing and glad to respond to any queries of any who may doubt or may be anxious. Praise services for the Sunday school, 4 o'clock p. m. All invited. Services conducted by the pastor, Rev. George Lee, ably assisted, Wednesday night. He is a revivalist, a Christian who knows just how to handle all classes. Women's day for a few moments each Wednesday night in the church parlor. Election of trustees Monday night. The following were elected: Prof. J. W. Cromwell, Mr. John A. Simms, sr., Mr. Emanuel Murray, Mr. William Beckett, Dr. J. A. McDuffie, Mr. Morris Honesty, Mr. J. H. Clark, Mr. Clement Dorsey, Mr. Benjamin Chase. Bible class Friday night, between 7 and 8. The Sunday school teachers extend an invitation to all to enjoy this hour. Sabbath school 9:30 a. m. Increasing interest each Sabbath. The services under the direction of Dr. Scott are an inspiration and an encouragement to all truly interested in the welfare of the church and his success should stimulate every lover of Christ who longs and labors for a revival in Washington. It takes a Spirit-filled and a Spirit-directed life to firmly believe that the gospel is able to do what it is claimed it will do. It takes knowledge, faith, zeal, intelligence, tact, and concentration to bring about success in this great cause. E.

THE YONKERS CLIPPINGS.

YONKERS, N. Y., Special.—The services of the A. M. E. Zion Church last Sunday were deep and impressive. In the morning, love feast was broken amongst the members and in the evening Dr. M. R. Franklin, pastor, administered the Lord's supper to a large congregation.

Regular services were held at the Messiah Baptist Church last Sunday, which were well attended. In the morning Rev. Tyson rendered a most interesting sermon—subject, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Light."

Last Sunday evening at the Calvary Baptist Church of New York, Dr. Majola Agbebi, robed in one of his native costumes, delivered a most eloquent, instructive sermon. The church was filled to its utmost capacity.

The tenth annual fair of the Messiah Baptist Church opens Monday night, November 2, and will continue until Friday night, November 6. The opening address was delivered by Mr. John E. Andrus, the Republican nominee for mayor. A most pleasing program

is anticipated for each night, which will be given by the different auxiliaries of the church, i. e., Monday night, deacons and trustees; Tuesday night, Sunday school; Wednesday night, B. Y. P. U.; Thursday night, Ladies' Missionary; Friday night, the choir. We hope this fair will be a grand success. Last Wednesday evening a War Concert was given by the Knights of Pythians, which was well attended.

Professor Crudup had great success in the ball given by him last Thursday evening at Town Hall.

Mrs. Henrietta Turner, who has been quite ill at St. Joseph's hospital, is now restored to health and enjoying the pleasure of being at home.

After spending some time in St. Joseph's hospital, Mrs. Wood has returned to her home.

Mrs. Drowell is still in the hospital but we hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Cheek is ill at her home, 23 Morgan street.

Mrs. Crudup's brother-in-law, of Cambridge, Mass., visited her last week.

Mrs. Windfield, of Williamsbridge, who has been ill, was visited by her sisters, Mrs. Webb and Miss Lillie Jackson, last week.

Dr. Majola Agbebi, of Africa, Mr. Arthur Schonburg, of Porto Rico, and Mr. R. H. Brown, of Yonkers, were entertained last Sunday by the generous hospitality of Mr. J. E. Bruce.

Miss Lillie Jackson, who has just returned from Pennsylvania, has been graciously welcomed home by her many friends of Yonkers.

IN DARKEST ALABAMA.

DOETHAN, ALA., Special.—I wish to call attention to the manner in which our people are treated in Dothan, Ala. A few days ago a colored man was found dead swinging from a limb of a tree. He had been shot to death by some unknown person, and no effort has been made by the officers of this community to find out who did it and why it was done. A few colored men were out riding a few Sundays ago when they were attacked by a mob of whites, who broke down their buggy, drew pistols on them and dared them to speak about it. A colored woman of our town bought some groceries of a white groceryman, and ordered the things sent to her house. The things did not come, and not knowing that it was his custom to send orders out, she went back the next day and inquired about them. The groceryman malterated and beat her shamefully. We even do not have peace in our houses, for there is a crowd of whites who shoot in our houses. One of these crowds attacked the colored people in the A. M. E. Church a few weeks ago. We propose to build an Industrial School in our city soon, but the majority of the whites object, and if we build at all we will have to erect it outside of the city. I will be glad to see the time come when some action will be taken against this mob violence.

Mr. E. A. Johnson, author of the History of the Negro Race in America and of the Negro Soldiers in the Spanish-American War was in the city this week attending the Sociological Society. Mr. Johnson is one of the leading men of his state, North Carolina.

The Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers

Is the leading Colored Fraternal Society of the United States. It was organized January, 1881, by William W. Browne, and chartered in April, 1883, under the laws of the State of Virginia, with headquarters at Richmond, Va. Its membership is both male and female, and consists of all persons of good health from 14 to 60 years of age. Its membership of 60,000 is divided into Fountains and Circles. It pays sick benefits from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, and pays death benefits from \$24.50 to \$1000.

BENEFITS PAID—Total benefits paid to date: Sick dues, \$1,500,000; death benefits, \$714,378.75.

SENIOR FOUNTAINS—A Fountain may be organized consisting of 20 or more persons not over 50 years of age paying a joining fee of from \$4.60 to \$5.10 each. The monthly dues are not less than 35 cents in rural districts and not less than 50 cents per month in towns and cities, and a semi-annual tax of 40 cents paid in January and July of each year. Sick benefits paid are from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, while death benefits range from \$75 to \$125. A Fountain may be organized in any locality on application to Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. Master, or to any of his authorized deputies.

ROSEBUDS—For the proper training of the young and their development in thrift, industry and brotherly love, there has been formed a Children's Department known as the Rosebuds. Twenty or more children not less than three nor more than fourteen years of age may form a Rosebud, upon the payment of \$1 each. This department, like the Senior Fountain, pays sick benefits from \$1 to twenty-five cents per week, and death benefits from \$24.50 to \$37. The monthly dues are fifteen cents per month.

CLASSES—Persons desiring to leave their beneficiaries at death a larger amount than is paid from Fountain Department, take out policies in one or more of the Classes of the Mutual Benefit Degree. The members of this degree are divided into Circles, and pay joining fees and dues according to the following tables:

Class "B"					Class "E"				
Age	Joining fee	Value of Certificate after one year	Value of Certificate before one year	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues	Age	Joining fee	Value of Certificate after one year	Value of Certificate before one year
14 to 25	\$2.50	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$4.75	\$1.20	14 to 25	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
25 to 30	2.75	200.00	100.00	4.75	1.20	25 to 30	5.25	500.00	250.00
30 to 35	3.00	200.00	100.00	4.75	1.20	30 to 35	5.50	500.00	250.00
35 to 40	3.25	200.00	100.00	5.70	1.43	35 to 40	5.75	500.00	250.00
40 to 45	3.50	140.00	70.00	5.70	1.43	40 to 45	6.00	450.00	225.00
45 to 50	3.75	115.00	58.00	6.65	1.66	45 to 50	6.25	400.00	200.00
50 to 55	4.00	70.00	45.00	6.65	1.66	50 to 55	6.50	350.00	175.00
55 to 60	4.25	65.00	33.00	7.60	1.90	55 to 60	6.75	300.00	150.00

Class "M"				
Age	Joining fee	Value of Certificate	Annual dues	Quarterly dues
14 to 20	\$1.00	\$1000.00	\$21.99	\$5.25
20 to 25	12.00	1000.00	22.00	5.50
25 to 30	12.00	900.00	23.00	5.75
30 to 35	13.00	800.00	24.00	6.00
35 to 40	13.00	700.00	25.00	6.25

REGALIA—The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost will be in the easy reach of all, costing from 10 cents to \$3. The same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

THE SAVINGS BANK—In March, 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia a charter to the Savings Bank

of the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, capital stock \$100,000. The bank commenced business April 3, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid up capital stock of \$100,000. From the humble sum of \$1,268.69, deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889 the deposits have grown to \$350,058, and the volume of business transacted amounts to \$6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented, while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne, an ex-slave of Hammersham, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 North Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT—The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of \$220,221.65, situated in various States, consisting of 13 magnificent buildings used as halls, 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and three farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it. This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, chief of real estate and attorney for the association, office at 608 N. 2nd Street, Richmond, Va.

REFORMERS MERCANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION—Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December, 1899, with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va. The purpose of this association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail), buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and do general business. The association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth Street, Richmond, Va. It is a modern up-to-date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, also electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodations for 150 guests. Mr. A. W. Holmes is manager, and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores, at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3d, 1900. It employs a force of 18 men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did \$50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since, and have been equally as prosperous. The general manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, headquarters at 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. This Association was formed on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its President.

THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT—Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is \$1 per year, or 6c. per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It can print any thing from a visiting card to a poster 42 by 62 inches. Fine job work of every class and description is made a specialty at lowest prices. Mr. E. W. Brown is editor and business manager, office 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

OLD FOLKS' HOME—In September, 1893, Rev. William W. Brown recommended the formation and establishment of Old Folks' Homes for the benefit of old and decrepit members of the race. Since that time the valuable farm known as Westham, consisting of 634 1/4 acres, located six miles from Richmond, Va., on the historic "James," has been purchased, at a cost of \$14,400. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through the farm, and Westham Station is located on it. Adjoining this farm is Westhampton Park, one of the most pleasant resorts in the South in summer. It is reached in a few minutes from Richmond by the Westhampton Electric Railway and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, the co-operation of all charitable friends is prayerfully solicited. All contributions, donations and bequests of every character will be very thankfully received. Mr. T. W. Taylor is chief in charge of the Old Folks' Home, offices at 608 North Second Street, Richmond, Va.

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